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1. AS OF EVENING OCTOBER 16, BRITISH MISSION BERLIN WAS EXPECTING TO ISSUE INVITATION IN NAME OF COMMANDANT TO NATO AMBASSADORS AND SYG LUNS TO VISIT BERLIN. MISSION HAD GO-AHEAD FROM LONDON AND WAS ONLY AWAITING FINAL GREEN LIGHT FROM BRITISH EMBASSY BONN. BRITISH DEPUTY POLAD TOLD U.S. COUNTERPART LUNS WOULD CALL ON GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ. ALTHOUGH BRITISH WOULD NOT OBJECT IF LUNS WISHED TO RESTATE PUBLICLY 1955 NATO COMMITMENT TO BERLIN DURING VISIT, THEY HOPED HE COULD BE DISSUADED FROM MAKING UNDULY PROVOCATIVE PUBLIC STATEMENTS DURING WHAT WAS BILLED AS PRIVATE VISIT. FRENCH DEPUTY POLAD DID NOT REACT.

2. KRAFP'S ACTION THUS LEAVES US MORE THAN A LITTLE SURPRISED. FROM BERLIN STANDPOINT, TELLING NATO SYG
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HIS PRESENCE IN BERLIN IS UNDESIRABLE WILL NOT BE WELL

RECEIVED. SEPTTEL REPORTS BERLIN REACTION TO LAST-MINUTE SOVIET CANCELLATION OF MAYORS' VISIT TO BERLIN. FROM STANDPOINT OF TIMING, IT THEREFORE ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT THAT WEST NOT BE SEEN AT THIS MOMENT TO BE CONTRIBUTING TO BERLIN ISOLATION. FIG-LEAF PROPOSED FOR LUNS' VISIT (USBER 2061) WORKED WITHOUT HITCH DURING VISIT OF NATO PARLIAMENTARIANS LAST JUNE AND, IN OUR VIEW, WOULD PROVIDE ADEQUATE DEFENSE AGAINST ANY SOVIET PROTEST OVER LUNS' VISIT..DAVIS

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